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Greetings from the City of Lewiston

Each month, this report from the City Administrator's office provides a brief summary and update of major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the community of Lewiston. Feel free to send your comments and suggestions.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lewiston's 2016 Clean-Up Assistance Week



When/Where Will Clean-Up Assistance Take Place?

The City will provide **"2016 Clean-up Assistance Week"** from April 23, 2016, through April 30, 2016, at the City's Solid Waste Facility located at 424 River Road, Lewiston. During this week only, the City will waive tip fees and use of the ePass. In addition to the facility's regular hours of operation (7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Monday thru Friday), the Solid Waste Facility will be open on two (2) Saturdays, April 23 and April 30, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Will This Clean-Up Assistance Just be for Lewiston Residents?

Yes. This assistance is for Lewiston residents only, and proof of residence (driver's license, tax receipt, and/or utility bill) is required. Failure to provide proof of residency may require the customer to pay for disposal of their waste material. Tip fees will not be waived for commercial accounts (This includes owners of multi-unit apartment buildings as defined in the City's Code of Ordinances).

How Should Material be Disposed of at the Solid Waste Facility?

All materials to be disposed of must be separated, i.e.:

- **Bulky Waste:** Includes old furniture, carpeting, mattresses, etc.
- **Construction and Demolition Debris:** Includes, but is not limited to, building materials such as plaster and lath, plumbing fixtures, insulation, asphalt, wall board, pipes, pressure treated wood, and metal conduits, etc.
- **Please, DO NOT bring waste paint to the Solid Waste Facility for disposal.** Waste paint should be taken to the following facilities for collection & recycling –
 - 1) Sherwin – Williams Paint Store
1168 Lisbon St., Lewiston
Phone – 784-2939
 - 2) Environmental Projects Inc.
664 Washington St., Auburn
Phone – 786-7390

- **Wood (does not include pressure treated wood):** Includes demolition wood (free of metal, sheetrock, insulation, and other solid waste), brush and tree waste (does not include stumps), wood furniture, etc.
- **Scrap metal:** Appliances, such as stoves, dryers, washing machines, etc. Does not include engines, gear boxes, lawnmowers, tanks (whether full or empty which contained chemicals or fuels) of any kind.
- **Televisions/computer monitors:** No more than seven (7) per customer.
- **Refrigerators/freezers that contain refrigerant.**

What Else Will be Accepted?

During this week, the Solid Waste Facility will also accept up to four (4) tires and two (2) twenty-pound (20) propane gas cylinders from each resident at no cost.

Will the Solid Waste Facility be Open on Sunday That Week?

No, the facility will not be open on Sunday.

Will Anything be Collected at Curbside During That Week?

- The Lewiston Public Works Department will collect brush (butt ends to face the street). Quantities are limited to no more than one (1) standard pick-up truck load per residence.
- All brush to be collected by city staff must be curbside no later than Sunday, April 24. city staff will be collecting the curbside brush throughout the week.
- Once city staff has collected brush from a given street, they will not return to collect brush from that street.
- Lewiston Public Works Department staff **WILL NOT BE COLLECTING** tree stumps; wood greater than 12" diameter; or any demolition wood such as fencing, old decking, or wood from construction/demolition projects.

If Individuals Have Questions About Lewiston's Clean-Up Assistance Week, Where Can They Call?

Individuals may contact the Solid Waste Facility at 513-3006; TTY/TDD: 513-3007.

Free Medicine Disposal Day

Saturday, April 30th 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Farwell Elementary School
110 Farwell Street, Lewiston

Bedard Pharmacy
359 Minot Ave, Auburn

Drive-thru and drop off your medicines without leaving your vehicle!



Bring your expired, unused, and unwanted medicines including:

- ✓ Prescriptions
- ✓ Over-the-counter
- ✓ Veterinary medications
- ✓ Vitamins
- ✓ Homeopathic treatments

We can't take:
needles/syringes
electronic equipment
items containing mercury

For More Information:

Healthy Androscoggin -- 795-2120

Androscoggin Valley
Council of Governments --783-9186

Sponsors and Partners in Prevention:



Protect the environment ✓

Prevent youth drug abuse ✓

Protect the elderly from drug thefts ✓

Summer Fun is Around the Corner

PLAN YOUR SUMMER FUN AND SAVE MONEY

Get your discounted tickets today!!!

Portland Sea Dogs General Admission Tickets

Books of 4 general admission tickets for only \$20.00! General Admission prices went up this year but they don't have to for you. (a \$16 discount)

Tickets are good for any 2016 regular season home game (Excluding July 3, 2016)



\$28



Funtown/Splashtown combo passes

Each pass only costs \$28. That is a \$9 savings from the \$37 regular gate admission price.

Aquaboggan Water Park general admission passes

Each pass only costs \$15. That is a \$5 savings from the regular gate admission price. This pass entitles you to all day unlimited use of all pools, slides and mini-golf.

\$15



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City Administrator

Edward A. Barrett

ADMINISTRATOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET GOES TO COUNCIL

On March 22, I submitted my proposed FY 17 budget to the City Council. This kicks off a six to eight week period of careful scrutiny of the budget by our elected officials, a scrutiny that normally results in significant budget adjustments.

We're starting this year's budget process in a better place than we have recently. City expenses are proposed to increase moderately by 2.3% to just over \$42 million. If adopted as presented, this would represent a 1.5% increase from the City's budget in FY 09, some eight years ago. The expenditure increase is partially offset by a 3.2% increase in non-property tax revenues – primarily auto excise taxes and state revenue sharing. This is the first time since the beginning of the recession that revenues have noticeably increased; however, they are still almost 25% below what we saw in FY 10, seven years ago, almost solely because of state cuts to revenue sharing. Without state cuts, we would be seeing over \$4 million in additional non-tax revenues this year.

Our efforts to manage and reduce the City's debt are also paying off. Next year's principal and interest payment will be about \$414,000 less. We have reduced the outstanding principal on our debt from a high of \$71.8 million in FY 05 to a projected \$40.9 million next year. Future interest costs have come down even more significantly as we have shortened the average term of our debt from about 15 years to 7.5 years. In FY 05, projected future interest payments were 29.7 million. Next year, this will fall to \$5.1 million.

The School Department is initially requesting a more significant increase due to the rapid growth in student enrollment. Finally, the County tax will also increase 3.5%.

Overall, then, we are starting with a tax rate increase of 2.7% -- 30 cents for the City (1.9%); 39 cents for Schools (3.8%) and 4 cents for the County (3.5%). If past history is any judge, these numbers should go down between now and final budget approval later this spring.

There is one other piece of good news for those who own their own homes. As I reported last month, the state legislature has increased the homestead exemption from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the coming year. As a result, those who have this exemption will see the appraised value of their properties go down. Even as the budget stands now, if your property is assessed for \$175,000 or less, you will see a drop in your property taxes next year. Since the median home in Lewiston is valued at about \$100,000, over half of our homesteaders will see a reduction of 2.5% or more in next year's tax bill.

The Council will generally be meeting twice a week through April to work on the budget. The final budget hearing for the year will be held on Thursday, April 28th. As always, the City Council would be interested in hearing your opinions, comments, and ideas. To share your thoughts, you can email the City's Finance Director, Heather Hunter, at hhunter@lewistonmaine.gov. Any comments received will be shared with the Council.

Economic & Community Development

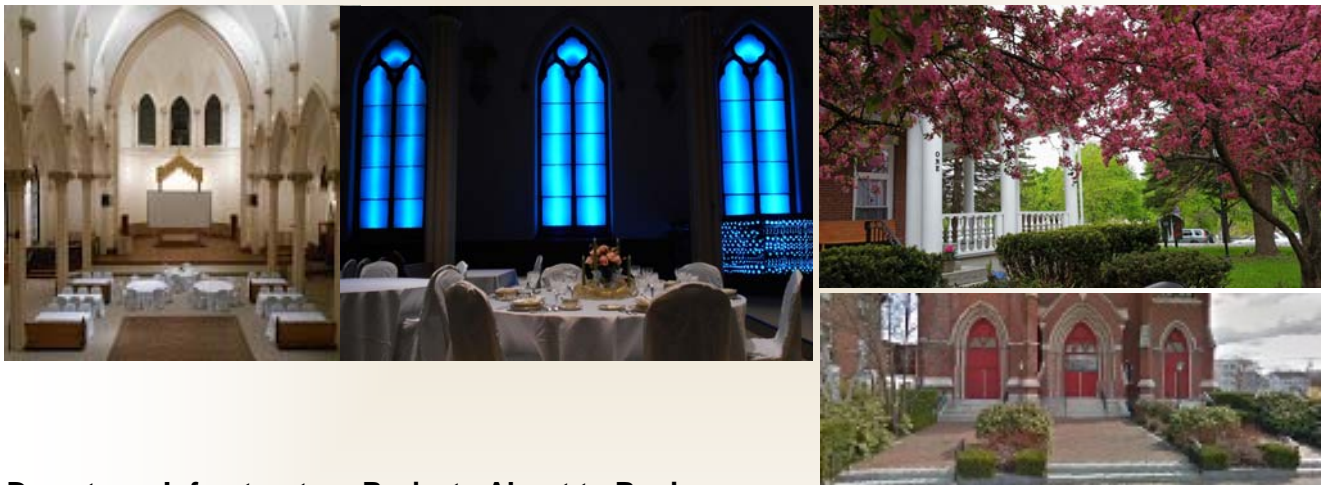
Lincoln Jeffers, Director

Pierce Place Moves Forward

Last year, the City Council approved the sale of 139 and 155 Bartlett Street and 116 and 122 Pierce Street to St. Laurent Housing Associates for the combined amount of \$61,000. St. Laurent purchased the land in order to assemble enough contiguous property to meet zoning regulations for the reconstruction of 29 units of affordable housing consumed by an arson fire in May 2013. After numerous delays with federal agencies, the real estate has been conveyed to St. Laurent, financing secured, and construction is planned to begin within the next few weeks.

Book Your Events Now at the Agora Grand Event Center

The former St. Patrick's Church is experiencing new life as a result of the vision and of owner Andrew Knight. The Agora Grand Event Center is a modern renovation of the Church, paying homage to the historical and cultural attributes that once made it a keystone of downtown Lewiston. As an event center, the Agora Grand provides a unique venue for weddings, conferences, and other engagements. The event center boasts nearly 15,000 square feet of space for special occasions, showcases several restored 125 year-old stained glass windows, and creatively repurposes many historic elements, including a bar constructed from the former pipe organ. With work nearing completion, the event center is now booking events for the 2016 season and will mark its official opening with a celebration May 7th. Check out their website to learn more about the project and to book your event: www.agoragrand.com.



Downtown Infrastructure Projects About to Begin

Two significant road projects will be impacting our downtown this summer and fall. One will impact the portion of Lisbon Street between Main Street and Chestnut Street. This project will involve the demolition and reconstruction of all sidewalks and resurfacing the street. Milling and paving road work will occur at night. Traffic lanes and parking will be available during the daytime with some restrictions. Work involving sidewalks will take place during week days between 7am and 7pm. The project will attempt to limit sidewalk closures to one side of the street over a block or half block area and maintain front door access to all buildings. Work is anticipated to begin April 25th. A work schedule for this project can be found on the City's [website](#), and you can sign up on the website for Notify Me notifications to receive updates throughout the project.

More Power to You

CMP's Lewiston Loop project begins this spring and entails construction of a new sub-station at 51 Middle Street behind the LL Bean surface parking lot; decommissioning the Lewiston Steam sub-station by Pedro O'Hara's; and laying 1.1 miles of new underground 115kv line from the new sub-station, down Chapel Street, across Main Street to Canal Street, and down Canal Street to Grimmels Gas Station. This project will greatly expand the capacity, safety, and reliability of the downtown electrical grid and beyond. A majority



of this work will take place overnight from 7pm-5am. Questions and information on this project can be directed to CMP through their website, www.mainepower.com, or the CMP hotline 866-914-1944.

CDBG Funding Recommendations Reviewed by City Council



Each year, the City invites social service providers and others to submit requests for CDBG funding. The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is tasked with reviewing each application, interviewing applicants, and scoring each request based on relevance to the CDBG five-year consolidated plan goals if it meets a critical unmet need, capacity of applicant to complete, and cost effectiveness. The CAC then makes funding recommendations for the City Council to consider during the budget process. For FY17, the City received eighteen social service agency applications requesting \$353,176 in funding. CAC recommends investing \$149,514 in fourteen social service agencies/programs, including \$57,581 to fund one full-time position with benefits in Lewiston's General Assistance Office as well as \$2,000 in funding to support Fair Housing education and programs in order to meet HUD requirements.

CDBG funding can be used for infrastructure support in the downtown target areas. Three Public Works applications have been recommended for funding, including \$67,093 for installation of stairs from Pierce Street down into Paradis Park; \$75,000 for installation of new equipment at Lionel Potvin Park; and \$25,000 for site work at a new handicap accessible playground to be built at Marcotte Park. Also recommended is \$87,000 to Tree Street Youth toward their building capital campaign. Funds will be used to demolish a structurally unsound and unused portion of their facility. After demolition, the land will be repurposed for outdoor recreation uses. Funding for a full-time code enforcement officer dedicated to downtown housing issues is also recommended.

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Fire

Chief Paul LeClair



Four Lewiston firefighters have completed rigorous training at the Maine Fire Service Institute's Officer Training Academy. The institute is a department of SMCC and provides training and education services to Maine's firefighters, preparing them for leadership roles. The week long academy focuses on legal issues, budgeting, media relations, conflict resolution, and other topics needed for a position as a fire chief or other fire officials. Those who complete the academy meet the training requirements for national fire officer certification through the Pro Board Fire Service Professional Qualifications System, also known as Pro Board.

Graduation ceremonies were held Saturday, March 19 at the Maine Fire Service Institute on the Southern Maine Community College Midcoast campus in Brunswick. (*Pictured above left to right: Pvt. Ryan Guay, Pvt. Bailey Keating, Pvt. Carlos Ortiz, Lt. Mark Caron and Chief Paul LeClair*)



March 14th - 30 Oxford Street - Grass Fire

Area residents were able to contain and extinguish the fire before crews arrived. There was no damage to the garage. The cause of the fire ~

[IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF SMOKING MATERIALS](#)



March 26th - 415 Sabattus Street - Vehicle Fire

Crews responded to a vehicle fire at Elizabeth Ann's. Upon arrival, the vehicle was fully involved; however, crews quickly extinguished the fire. The vehicle was considered a total loss.

The cause of the fire ~mechanical failure

LEWISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES TWO NEW RECUITS

On March 17th, two new firefighters began their careers. Newly hired firefighters are required to spend many hours in classroom and hands-on training - learning and practicing firefighting skills and techniques (the first 60 days). Most of this training is performed by fellow seasoned Lewiston firefighting personnel who are certified trainers in numerous procedures and tactics. The peer training also provides an opportunity for the new hires and instructors to build a bond of trust and confidence, which is crucial when working as a team on the scene of a fire.



Deputy City Clerk Kelly Brooks swears in Pvt. Samantha Mayo and Pvt. Richard Paradis



*Pictured here are some of the training sessions. Pvt. Troy Cailler is instructing **Stokes Basket Rescue** (left) and the new hires are practicing **Forcible Entry** (above).*



Lt. David Gideon (*pictured right*) is explaining which tools are used to rescue a passenger from a stalled elevator.

Earlier in the day they trained on **Fire Alarm Systems, Sprinkler Systems** and **Portable Fire Extinguishers**.





School Superintendent Bill Webster

Lewiston Public Schools

FY17 Budget – School Committee Approval planned for April 4th

The School Committee is expected to approve a revised FY17 budget; while, as Yogi Berra once said, “it ain’t over till it’s over.” The Committee seems to be leaning towards two actions:

Approving the budget as now proposed and available at www.lewistonpublicschools.org

This budget includes a 2.2% local tax increase, which is the minimum required local tax increase in order for Lewiston to receive 100% state educational subsidy. Failure to raise at least the minimum required local share would result in a devastating reduction in state subsidy roughly equal to the loss of \$2.50 in State subsidy for every \$1 not raised locally; and

Approving a list of additional needs for our schools that the City Council will be asked to support.

This may be the final opportunity to provide the School Committee feedback before the budget goes to the Council. The remaining required approval steps include the presentation to City Council on April 19, City Council vote on April 28, and the Budget Validation Referendum on May 10.

School Calendar

The School Committee approved a 2017 school calendar that includes eight early release Wednesdays to allow for more professional development for staff. The calendar also includes two new August workshop days on 8/24 and 8/25; however, these may be eliminated if the latest budget draft is adopted.

The calendar is posted at www.lewistonpublicschools.org.

How to Increase Lewiston’s Education Subsidy

Lewiston’s revenue challenges are compounded by Maine’s school funding formula, which is biased against school districts with increasing enrollment. For example, the formula uses the average of the 4/1/16 and 10/1/16 student enrollment counts, clearer to the benefit of districts with declining enrollments, which, unfortunately, represents the majority of Maine school districts. While I am not hopeful about legislative action, a simple change to use of the 10/1 count alone would have increased Lewiston’s education subsidy by \$380,000.

Most significantly, perhaps, is how the present formula negatively impacts poorer Maine districts since Federal Title Funds are deducted from State aid. The deduction was \$1.6

million for Lewiston. There is a history to this deduction that goes back over 10 years when the State system had no way to distinguish regular teachers from Title I teachers. That is no longer the case, however, and Federal requirements are clear that Title I funds should be used to supplement rather than supplant other district expenses. Later this spring, I plan to discuss this further with the Acting Commissioner before considering possible contact with the U.S. Department of Education.

Update of New Elementary School

Approximately 50 members of the public attended the presentation and straw poll on March 23rd. The straw poll vote was 44-3 in favor on continuing with the project as presented. On April 1st, I go before the Construction Committee of the State Board of Education for their approval and then the full Board on April 13th for the last approval to authorize the June 14th public referendum (see next section).

Construction Referendum Questions

Heather Hunter, City Treasurer, and I are working with our attorney on the actual working of the referendum questions. The intent of the first question will be to authorize construction of the school that will be 100% funded by the state and local funds already raised. A second question will seek voter approval for the expenditure of additional funds to (1) fully air condition the building, (2) build a full-sized gym, and (3) add a second artificial turf field on the baseball field and hockey field. The Building Committee will meet and relook at whether or not the additional items should be together or not in one question.

District Goals and Update on Proficiency-Based Learning

Over the last month, the School Committee has reviewed the draft district goals and input from February's community meeting. The only goal yes to be finalized, is in regard to proficiency-based learning (PBL). A PBL workshop will be held to discuss a five-year implementation plan, and the School Committee will discuss consideration of finalizing the PBL district goal.

Count ME In Attendance Conference

Last week I attended part of this conference, which included 30 or so representatives from various organizations and school districts. Also attending were three parents who were specifically invited to share their personal stories. I was particularly moved by one parent whose comments included the following:

...One thing remained consistent, I was always getting phone calls. I would love for

the schools to be able to change their policy around phone calls. During my child's struggles, I would have loved to have gotten a call once in a while that was positive, one that said he was having a good day, or that something good had happened, or he had accomplished something that felt good to him. It is very hard to look down at your phone and know it is the school calling, and know that it is nothing good.

I am seeking permission from her to make her entire remarks public.

Hockey Championships & Aftermath

The Lewiston High School Boys Ice Hockey team had an outstanding year that culminated in winning the Maine Class A Championship on March 5th. Many of you have likely read or heard news reports about a post-victory celebration incident. Discipline has been administered consistent with school policy, but we will be reviewing appropriate policies in the near future, possibly at the April 25th School Committee meeting.



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Planning & Code Enforcement

Gil Arsenault, Director

Planning Board

On March 14th, the Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to rezone the property at 200 College Street from the Institutional Office district to the Neighborhood Conservation “B” district. This action was the result of a petition submitted by Rubellite LLC to change the zoning to permit the former 200 College Street group care facility to be converted to a lodging house.

On March 28th, the Board voted to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to amend the Zoning and Land Use Code to allow fitness and recreational sports centers as a permitted use in the Riverfront, Community Business, Highway Business, Centreville, Office Service, Urban Enterprise, and Mill Districts.

The Board voted on the 28th to send a favorable recommendation to the City Council to accept the fee interest in Franklin Property Trust land underlying the following public easements: Lincoln Circle, Lincoln Terrace, Lincoln Drive, Willow Circle, Merton Boulevard, Sand Hill Road and Strawberry Patch Road.

In addition, a favorable recommendation was made to accept the land contained within two public parks located along Lincoln Street, two parcels of land adjacent to the Adams Avenue Public Works facility, and the widening of a sewer easement running along a short section of the Androscoggin River.

Representatives from Central Maine Power Company provided the Board with an update and overview of work associated with the Lewiston Loop transmission line and Middle Street Substation project.

Enforcement Action

One solid waste civil penalty was issued and three properties were condemned via the International Property Maintenance Code. As a result of Property Maintenance Code violations, law suits were filed against the owners of 215 Blake Street and 83 College Street. A consent judgement regarding 172 Blake Street was negotiated requiring the defendants to reimburse the City for its legal costs, to pay civil penalties, and to abate Property Maintenance Code violations

PERMIT ACTIVITY - 2016

- ◇ 37 building permits with a reported value of \$1,095,583 – four new single-family homes were permitted
- ◇ 9 plumbing permits
- ◇ 37 electrical permits

There were no major projects.

PERMIT ACTIVITY - 2015

- ◇ 59 building permits with a reported value of \$458,692 – one new single-family home was permitted
- ◇ 8 plumbing permits
- ◇ 37 electrical permits

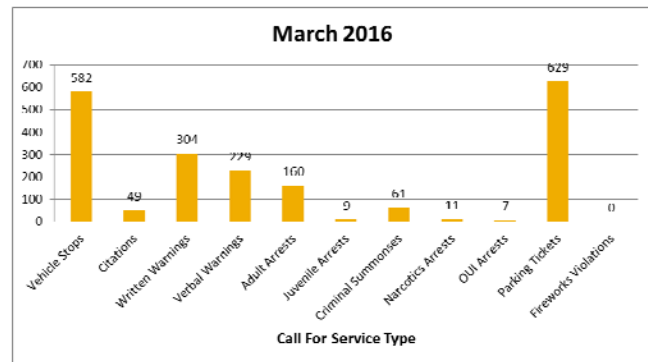
There were no major projects.

Police

Mike Bussiere, Chief

Calls For Service	03/2016
Total CFS	3,256
Vehicle Stops	582
Citations	49
Written Warnings	304
Verbal Warnings	229
Adult Arrests	160
Juvenile Arrests	9
Criminal Summonses	61
Narcotics Arrests	11
OUI Arrests	7
Parking Tickets	629
Fireworks Violations	0

Statistics



Training

As part of officers' training, policies and procedures are consistently reviewed.

The following SOPs were studied:

- Legal process
- Sex offender registration
- Recording of radio and telephone messages
- Motor vehicle crash reconstruction: exterior and interior examination
- Blood borne pathogens

Officers also complete training via Justice Planning and Management Associates (JPMA).

The following were completed during March:

- HazMat: Identifying Presence
- HazMat: Impact of HazMat Incidents
- Awareness of Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities
- Law Enforcement Interactions With Persons Who Have Autism

Officer Provost attended MDEA Basic Agent School.

Recruitment

- ♦ LPD was represented at job fairs in March at Thomas College, St. Joseph's College, and an FBI job fair.

Enforcement

- ♦ Residents of Lewiston were provided with notification regarding sex offenders moving within the city.
- ♦ Several traffic enforcement details were implemented to address speeding concerns
- ♦ Panhandlers were informed of the law and ordinances regarding impeding traffic
- ♦ Details were executed throughout March to deter distracted driving

Community Events

Meetings attended:

- ◇ Healthy Androscoggin
- ◇ Strategies for Youth
- ◇ Project Unite
- ◇ Masjidul Salaam Mosque
- ◇ Juvenile Justice Collaborative
- ◇ Androscoggin Community Collaborative
- ◇ New Mainer Community Collaborative
- ◇ Androscoggin Head Start Board meeting
- ◇ World Refugee Day planning, hosted at the Chamber of Commerce
- ◇ Community Partnerships for Protecting Children (CPPC)
- ◇ National Rx Drug Abuse Summit
- ◇ Law Enforcement Torch Run conference

Coffee with a Cop

- ◇ Officers of the Community Resource Team hosted *Coffee With A Cop* at Birch Hill Apartments, Blake Street Towers, and Oak Park Apartments.

Special Olympics

- ◇ Officers gave awards to competitors of the Special Olympics swim meet hosted at Bates College and the YWCA.

Badges for Books

- ◇ More than twenty books were distributed, to local children, via LPD's Badges for Books Program.

Tour of the PD

- ◇ Officer Griffin provided a local Cub Scout troop with a tour of the police station.

Safety

- ◇ A personal safety course was instructed at Safe Voices.
- ◇ Meadowview Apartments hosted a luncheon; residents asked officers questions and discussed topics such as safety.

Out and about in the community - see page 21 for pictures



Lewiston PD's hockey team competed in the charity **Battle of the Badges** event. Lewiston Police played against Maine Fire.
Photograph courtesy of ©Nancy Merrill Photography



CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

The students enrolled in Lewiston PD's Citizens' Police Academy have graduated.

Pictured with the graduates is the Community Resource Team: Officers Philippon, Weaver, and Griffin with Sergeant Randy St. Laurent.

Public Works

Dave Jones, Director

Here is a summary of some of the work completed this month by Public Works:

Street/Road & Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Highway Division crews completed the following:

- ◆ Responded to two plowable storms and one additional sander-only storm;
- ◆ The milder than normal weather allowed us to get a jump start on sweeping sidewalks and streets. We began this effort mid-month and many of the downtown sidewalks are already completed. We need to wait a bit more for night time temps to rise before putting our night crew on;
- ◆ Repaired manholes/catch basins at two locations;
- ◆ The paving Hot-Box was out patching pot-holes throughout the month;
- ◆ Completed removal of Christmas lights downtown (see photo)
- ◆ The Arborist crew completed tree work at four locations including removing some hazardous trees and began raking/preparing flower beds for planting next month;
- ◆ The Traffic crew replaced signs at four locations;
- ◆ Miscellaneous work included finishing removal and storage of Christmas decorations and training with a Practical Road math course sponsored by DOT's Maine Local Roads Center;
- ◆ Responded to 195 Dig Safe stormwater piping location requests.

Contracted projects status update:

- ◆ Oxford Street Rehabilitation is nearly complete. There are punch list items remaining and we will be addressing quality issues with the contractor (C.H. Stevenson);
- ◆ Lisbon St. Rehab (Chestnut to Main St.) – The project was awarded to J Pratt Construction and work is expected to begin



in April and extend through the summer. Work includes replacing the signals at Pine St., Ash St. and Chestnut St., replacing the sidewalks with concrete walks and milling and paving the street from Chestnut to Main St.;

- ◆ The Sabattus St. Signalization Project was awarded to J Pratt Construction with construction scheduled to begin in April;
- ◆ MTA bridge and mainline improvements to the Lewiston Interchange project continues with CPM Constructors continued with abutments being placed for the new bridge for the south-bound lanes;
- ◆ The 2nd phase of the Sabattus St. Traffic Signal project was approved by MaineDOT and is scheduled to be advertised in January with construction scheduled to take place during the 2016 construction season;
- ◆ Pavement Management Program - Gorrill Palmer Consulting Engineers completed a draft of the Pavement Management Study, and it is currently under review;

- ◆ Bartlett Street (MEDOT) – The right-of-way mapping was completed and is being reviewed by MaineDOT. Easement and property acquisition is expected to take eight to ten months. Construction will likely take place in 2017.



Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Division

Construction projects and studies update:

- Phase two of the Sabattus Street Water Main Replacement from North Temple to Grove Street is currently out to bid. The project is scheduled to be constructed in the spring of 2016;
- Vale Street Neighborhood CSO project – Survey work complete and design has begun. A bid opening is planned for June 2016;
- North Lisbon Rd. Storm Drain project – Gorrill-Palmer submitted the environmental application to DEP & Army Corps of Engineers for review. The review process could take three months or more. The project will be advertised for construction once permits are approved;
- Hart Brook Water Quality Restoration – EPA & DEP approved the work plan to install a sub-surface stormwater treatment system under Webster St. The City signed a grant agreement with DEP and design will begin this spring. Construction is expected in the fall or spring 2017;
- CSO Separation (Main St. and Chestnut St. – Ted Berry completed cleaning and inspecting the sewer line in front of Marden's. Engineering staff is finalizing the plans to rehab the sewer and separate five catch basins. Construction will take place this spring before MaineDOT starts the overlay project on Main St. later this summer;
- MS4 Stormwater Permit – As part of the City's Stormwater Permit requirements with MaineDEP, the City hosted a booth at the Maine home Show on March 19 and 20. The booth provided info on stormwater pollution and a rain barrel was given away to one lucky Lewiston resident. Thank-you to CES, Inc. for helping coordinate and attend the event and thanks to the sewer treatment plant for lending their Enviroscope Water & Waste Management model to display;



- Cure-in-place Sewer Lining – Engineering completed reviewing inspection videos to prioritize streets for a new lining contract. For the pipes that are in too poor condition to line, plans were developed for replacement by the Sewer Division this spring. For the lining candidates, a 2016 cure-in-place lining contract will be advertised in June;
- Replacement of the River Rd. Sewer Pump Stations – St. Laurent and Son completed installation of both pump stations. Design work will begin soon for the next pump station replacement on Tall Pines Drive;
- Hart Brook Sewer Repair – The City received the NRPA permit from DEP for repair of the erosion problems in Hart Brook near Goddard Rd. A biological evaluation related to Atlantic Salmon and northern Long-Eared Bats was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers in February and we are waiting their final permit to complete construction in July;
- Dumont Ave. Water and Sewer Replacement: A project to replace the water and sewer mains on Dumont Ave. was awarded

to Gendron and Gendron. Construction will begin April 13th and take about 10 weeks to complete;

- Sunnyside Area Sewer Separation Phase 3 – Bids for a new storm drain system on Spring St., Summer St., Bridge St., Winter St., Holland St., West Bates St. and Whipple St. were opened with the apparent low bidder being Gendron & Gendron at \$1,047,777;

Work performed by the Water & Sewer crews:

- There were no water main or service leaks this month, almost unheard of for the month of March;
- Responded to 220 Dig Safe requests;
- Responded to four sewer back-ups -- two were private;
- Crews continue to inspect and flush sewer mains with 150 plus miles to maintain;
- Crews continue to work on the water valve program (cleaning and operating); there are 150 plus miles to maintain;
- Removed 750 plus hydrant markers, a sure sign that spring has arrived we think...;
- Crews continue to dig and repair curb boxes for the meter program, 30 this month;
- Replaced 207 water meters this month and tested about 75% of the ones replaced, all registered incorrectly and needed to be replaced;
- Crews have started spring clean-up on all the utility properties and the watershed properties;
- Crews continue to prep and locate all water and sewer mains and services for the upcoming projects (CMP project along Canal St., CSO project in the Sunny Side area, water main replacement on Sabattus St., from North Temple to Grove St., and the sewer replacement project around the Androscoggin area).

Solid Waste Division

- ◇ Schnitzer Steel Northeast was awarded the contract to purchase scrap metal from the Solid Waste Facility. Schnitzer will pay the City 67% of the market rate for this waste material. The next highest bidder was Grimmel at 65% of market price.
- ◇ Staff and the PW Committee are exploring opportunities to further improve customer services at the Solid Waste Facility Scale House. Under consideration is elimination of the many different fees for waste disposal and replacing them with a flat rate of \$93 per ton for everything that is accepted for disposal. Another item would be to have all customers set-up a pre-paid/escrow account for use of services and waste disposal at the Solid Waste Facility in-lieu of the current payment system.
- ◆ Detailed information on Spring Cleanup Assistance Week was posted on the City's web site. This service will be provided to residents of Lewiston starting on Saturday, April 23 and concluding on Saturday, April 30; (*see pg. 2-3 of this report*)
- ◆ A meeting was held with representatives of MidMaine Waste Action Corp. to discuss modifications to the existing "Ash-for-Trash" Agreement prior to exercising a five-year extension. The Agreement has been very beneficial to both parties since its original approval 19 years ago.
- ◆ The report describing Lewiston's recycling rate, which is submitted annually to the Maine DEP, indicates the recycling rate has decreased from 22%, as reported for 2014, to 17% for 2015. This decrease was due to a one-time event and will likely improve in the coming year. Keep in mind this report gives all kinds of different credits (bottle bill, composting, etc.) that artificially inflates the City's residential recycling rate, which remains about 10%.

Building Maintenance Division

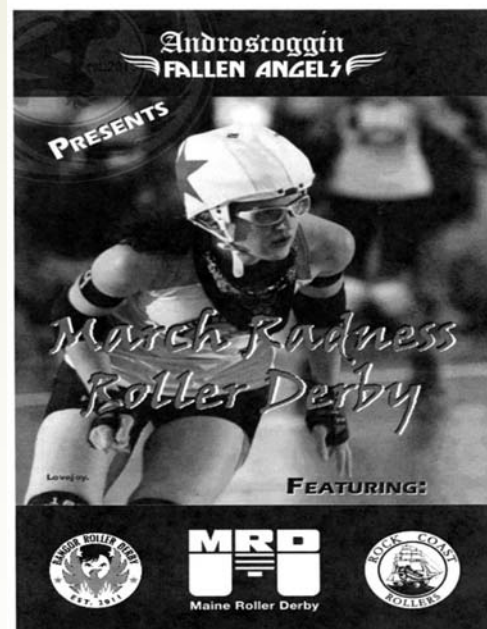
- * The Buildings Division will be finishing the Women's bathroom on the third floor of City Hall in early April and then immediately start work on the Men's after they clean up the exterior areas around City Hall, Violations Bureau, and Library;
- * The crew will also be moving furniture during the next couple of months to support Assessing's move to the third floor and the return of Human Resources to City Hall;
- * Sweeping the interior of all five parking garages is being scheduled and the Parking Garage Wayfinding Sign Project will be going out to bid;
- * The City Hall second floor project to replace doors and floors will be awarded early April and work should begin sometime in June.

Recreation Division

- ⇒ **Volleyball:** Co-Ed (A's, B1 and B2) team leagues are now in playoffs! Standings are posted by the director via Facebook, weekly for the players. The season ends for all leagues mid-April.
- ⇒ **T-Ball:** Recreation welcomes Skip Sabourin as the new T-ball director. Skip and his staff are having a "ball" at Longley School Gym, teaching 4-6 year olds the basics of the game.
- ⇒ **Lacrosse:** Chris Albert joins our spring staff as the Lacrosse director. The season will kick off with a parent meeting on April 5th. Teams will begin practices and games after April vacation.

⇒ Events:

- ◇ The Easter Egg Hunt returned this year on Saturday, March 19th. We had an "egg-cellent" turn out and hope to have a larger event next year.
- ◇ Also on March 19th, the Maine Table Tennis League held a tournament. The room was packed, and many of the players travelled from Canada for the occasion.
- ◇ The Androscoggin Fallen Angels hosted their first Roller Derby bout on Saturday, March 26th. The event was very well received. The Fallen Angels will hold a recruiting event in the coming weeks to enlist new members!!



⇒ April Armory Events:

- ◇ The Auburn Exchange Gun show was held on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2nd.
- ◇ The Lewiston Artisan & Craft Fair was held on Saturday the 9th, and had more than doubled the vendors from last year's fair!

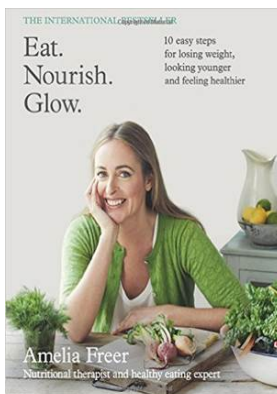
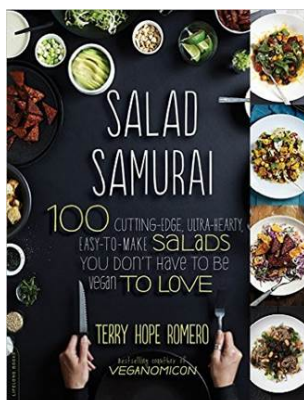
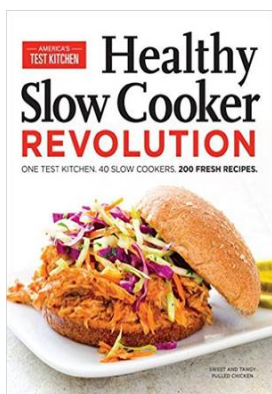
Wellness Information & Updates



HEALTHY CHALLENGES

freaky friday drawings

Cook Books/Bike Rentals



Your Wellness Team is proud to present to you
"Too Busy To Be Sick?" Lunch N Learn

Society has conditioned us to believe that more action equals more productivity. We cram our calendars and fill our to-do lists with more actions than are humanly possible. We stay in constant motion and push through - day after day. Then we wonder why we are exhausted, burned out, unhappy and dissatisfied. Thankfully, we can change. This Lunch N Learn will teach us how to slow down, focus and prioritize. Strategies will be given to teach participants how to be fully present, which actually does strengthen our productivity.

City Hall - 3rd Floor Conference Room
Date: Thursday, March 24th
Time: 11:30am
Sign up with Joyce Ruby by Wednesday, March 23rd



Lunch & Learn



National Green Fruit and Veggie Day





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WELLNESS CALENDAR
(See back for program details)



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
3	4	5	6	7 Herb Garden Drawing World Health Day	8	9 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
10	11 HIIT Informational Week HIIT Timer Drawing Sign-Up	12 Banana Day Drawing Sign-up	13		15 HIIT Timer Drawing	16 National Health Kids Day
17	18 Patriot's Day	19 Walking Program Starts	20 National Banana Day Drawing	21	22 Earth Day	23 Cardio Sport, 8:00am
24	25 Paint Night Sign-up	26 Couch to 5K STARTS YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	27	28 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	29	30 Cardio Sport, 8:00am St. Mary's Commit to Get Fit

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National BBQ & Hamburger Month	2	3 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	4	5 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	6 Grilling Cookbook Drawing National No Diet Day	7
8	9 Paint Night Avant Garde, 5:00pm	10 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	11	12 Lunch N Learn Sign-Up Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	13 Grilling Cookbook Drawing	14
15 Hospice House 5K/Rememberance Walk International Family Day	16	17 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	18 Lunch N Learn - Too Busy To Be Sick! City Hall, 11:30am	19 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	20 Grilling Cookbook Drawing National Pick Strawberries	21 Tiger Run 5K
22	23	24 Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	25 Herb Book Drawing Sign-Up Sneaker Lights Drawing Sign-Up	26 Egg Day Drawing Sign-Up Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	27 Grilling Cookbook Drawing Sunscreen Day - Wear It!!	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31 World No Tobacco Day Couch to 5K Program YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm				

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	National Dairy, Great Outdoors & Camping Month		1 National Running Day Sneaker Lights Drawing	2 Couch to 5K ENDS YMCA, 5:45pm to 7:00pm	3 Walking Program Ends National Egg Day Drawing	4 Safe Voices Walk/Run to end Domestic Violence
5	6 Herb Book Drawing National Garden Exercise Day	7	8	9	10 National Eat Your Veggies Day Drawing Sign-Up	11
12 YMCA Fit Fest 5K	13 Men's Health Week Diabetes Awareness Week	14 Flag Day Blood Donor Day	15	16	17 National Eat Your Veggies Day Drawing	18 International Picnic Day Rancourt's Run/Walk for Special Olympics
19	20 Nutritionist Drawing during this week	21	22	23 National Public Service Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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WELLNESS CALENDAR
Program Details

5Ks/Run-Walks - Wellness will reimburse up to \$15 towards the entry fee, reimbursed after proof of completion. Maximum of 3 reimbursements per season. Submit requests to Sandy Brown.

Cardio Sport

Michael Laliberte, Cardio Sport Instructor

Saturdays, April 2nd, 9th, 23rd, & 30th - Ingersoll Turf Facility, 8:00am
Wellness reimburses 1st registration fee and \$16 for 2 more people.

Herb Garden Drawing

Thursday, April 7th - Sign-up with Joyce Sarchi starting Friday, April 1st

HIIT Timer Drawing (High-Intensity Interval Training)

Friday, April 15th - Sign-up with Heather Hunter starting Monday, April 11th

Walking Program Starts

Tuesday, April 19th - Register with Joyce Sarchi

Couch to 5K Program starts

YMCA

Tuesdays & Thursdays, April 26th, 28th; May 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st; & June 2nd, 5:45pm to 7:00pm
\$40 members; \$60 non-members. Wellness reimburses half upon successful completion

National Banana Day Drawing

Wednesday, April 20th - Sign-up with Heather Hunter starting Tuesday, April 12th

Couch to 5K Program

YMCA

Tuesdays & Thursdays, May 3rd, 5th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, & 31st, 5:45pm to 7:00pm

National Grilling Month Cookbook Drawing

Fridays: May 6th, May 13th, May 20th, & May 27th

Paint Night

Avante Garde

Monday, May 9th, 5:00pm; Smoothies & snacks provided. Registration fee: \$20 pre-paid.
Register with Heather Hunter starting Monday, April 25th

Lunch N Learn - Too Busy To Be Sick (Rescheduled)

Anne Charles, Maine Municipal Association

Wednesday, May 18th - City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 11:30am
Register with Joyce Sarchi by Thursday, May 12th

National Running Day Sneaker Lights Drawing

Wednesday, June 1st - Sign-up with Heather Hunter starting Wednesday, May 25th

Couch to 5K Program ends

YMCA

Thursday, June 2nd, 5:45pm to 7:00pm

Walking Program ends

Friday, June 3rd

National Egg Day Drawing

Friday, June 3rd - Sign-up with Peter Parker starting Thursday, May 26th

National Garden Exercise Day Herb Book Drawing

Monday, June 6th - Sign-up with Heather Hunter starting Wednesday, May 25th

National Eat Your Veggies Day Drawing

Friday, June 17th - Sign-up with Joyce Sarchi starting Friday, June 10th

Nutritionist Drawing - STAY TUNED for more details!

Targeted for the week of June 20th

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